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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPOND TO KENYAN REQUEST
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REF: A. NAIROBI 7323 DTG 221021Z AUG 75

B. TEHRAN 7884 DTG 141235Z AUG 75

1. IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY GOK OFFICIAL POSITION REGARDING
"ACCEPTABILITY" OF F-5A/B AIRCRAFT IN LIGHT OF DEFENSE
??MINISTER'S STATEMENT REJECTING "SECONDHAND" AIRCRAFT
9.t(REF A), DCM LINDSTROM MET WITH MOD PERMSEC KIEREINI
THIS MORNING. PERMSEC STATED GOK STILL INTERESTED IN
??XF-5A/B PACKAGE, INDICATING COST FACTOR MADE THIS
a0033.tATTRACTIVE TO GOK OVER F-5E/F'S, WHICH WOULD STILL BE
WANTED AT LATER DATE.

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2. IN SPITE OF MY CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE AT DEPARTMENT
OFFICER'S DETAILED DISCLOSURE TO PRESS OF GOK-USG
DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ARMS AND FINANCING, I WAS,
?? ?? NEVERTHELESS, HOPEFUL THIS MIGHT RESULT IN GOK CHANGING
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ITS MIND REGARDING F-5A/B, IN THAT REF B CLEARLY STATES
F-5A/B WILL NO BE AVAILABLE FROM IRAN FOR KENYA. WHILE
IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF 11 AUGUST, I OBTAINED DOD VIEWS
REGARDING ALTERNATIVES, IF TEHRAN RESPONSE WAS WHAT IT

IS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NO F-5A/B PACKAGE OF
iCOMPATIBLE AIRCRAFT CAN BE OFFERED KENYANS AT THIS TIME.
USG HAS CLEARLY RAISED HOPES OF GOK (TWO SEPARATE
0054.iSTATE-DOD AND USAF VISITS, U.S.A.F. TEAM HAVING PREPARED
90-PAGE REPORT SUBMITTED TO GOK) THAT IRANIAN F-5A/B
WOULD BE AVAILABLE. FIVE MILLION FMS CREDIT AND ONE
MILLION DOLLAR MAP-TRAINING WAS OFFERED WITH USE TOWARD
?? F-5A/B PACKAGE CLEARLY IN MIND.

3. WE HAD INDICATED TO GOK OUR HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
PRESENT A FIRM OFFER TO THEM ON F-5A/B BY AUGUST 1.
THIS DATE NOW PAST, OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CANNOT SUPPLY
?? IRANIAN AIRCRAFT, KENYAN REITERATION OF THEIR WISH TO
STILL ACCEPT THE F-5A/B PACKAGE, DAMAGE TO US-KENYAN
RELATIONS BECAUSE OF LEAK TO PRESS (THEREBY SURFACING,
PUBLICLY, GOK INTENTIONS), NON-AVAILABILITY OF F-5A/B
FROM ELSEWHERE FOR KENYA, AND OUR INTENDED AND DECLARED
?? WISH TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN UP-GRADING THEIR
DEFENSE CAPABILITY, HAS PLACED USG ON THE SPOT
IN ITS RELATIONS WITH GOK.

4. DO WE TELL THE KENYANS THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE
F-5A/B'S FROM IRAN OR ELSEWHERE? IF SO, I BELIEVE WE
SHOULD PROVIDE A WORKABLE ALTERNATIVE. CREDIT WITHOUT
HARDWARE AVAILABILITY IS USELESS. BOTH REPEAT BOTH
ARE NEEDED. PRESS COVERAGE HAS ESCALATED THE NEED FOR
USG TO PROVIDE A REPLY TO GOK SOONEST.

5. I, THEREFORE, REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT SHOULD
BE TOLD THE GOK OFFICIALLY AND CONCLUSIVELY NOW REGARDING
F-5A/B AVAILABILITY. IF, INDEED, ANSWER IS
NEGATIVE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT (AND DOD)
CONSIDERATION THAT USG OFFICER TO ASSIST IN FMS CREDIT
FINANCING TEN F-5E, TWO F-5F PACKAGE (WHICH I UNDERSTAND
IS ABOUT DOLS 60,000,000), WITH REPAYMENT OVER TEN-YEAR
PERIOD, WITH TWO-YEAR GRACE PERIOD AND AT
CONCESSIONARY TERMS OF FOUR PERCENT. IN EVENT SUCH
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PROGRAM NOT FEASIBLE, I RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF MAP
(MATERIEL, IN ADDITION TO TRAINING) FOR KENYA.

6. WHILE I WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER WESTERN DONOR --
PARTICULARLY THE U.K., WEST GERMANY AND CANADA, WHICH
HAVE ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY GOK -- CAN PLAY GENEROUS
ROLES IN ASSISTING KENYA TO CARRY OUT ITS SIX-YEAR
FORCE MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM WITH ESTIMATED
FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF DOLS 200 MILLION, I BELIEVE THAT
IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY FOR US TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR
AS MUCH AS 30 OR 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL PROGRAM AND
THAT IT WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERESTS IN KENYA
TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OF THIS MAGNITUDE. AS WE HAVE

INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, I BELIEVE IT VERY MUCH IN OUR
INTEREST TO ASSIST KENYA IN DEFENDING ITS TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY FROM HOSTILE NEIGHBORS. BY SO DOING, WE WOULD BE
HELPING TO PRESERVE AN INDEPENDENT, SOUND, DYNAMIC AND
DEVELOPING KENYA WHICH CAN CONTINUE, THROUGH EXAMPLE AS WELL
AS ACTION, TO EXERT REGIONAL STABILIZATION AND A MODERATING
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